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# STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Joy Hofmeister

**DATE:** June 22, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Le Monde International School – Charter School Sponsorship Contract

Pursuant to the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act (the "Act") at 70 O.S. §3-132, on March 23, 2017, the State Board of Education (the "Board") approved an application to sponsor the Le Monde International School as an Oklahoma public charter school. Provider, however, prior to the opening of the school for the provision of instructional services, the Board voted to require that Le Monde satisfy certain pre-opening requirements. Further, as a sponsor of a charter school, the Board must enter into a written contract with the governing body of the charter school. See 70 O.S. §3-135. The Act requires that the charter school contract incorporate the provisions of the charter application, and the following:

- 1. A description of the program to be offered by the school which complies with the purposes outlined in Section 3-136 of this title;
- 2. Admission policies and procedures;
- 3. Management and administration of the charter school, including that a majority of the charter governing board members are residents of the State of Oklahoma and meet no less than quarterly in a public meeting within the boundaries of the school district in which the charter school is located or within the State of Oklahoma in the instance of multiple charter school locations by the same sponsor;
- 4. Requirements and procedures for program and financial audits;
- 5. A description of how the charter school will comply with the charter requirements set forth in the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act;
- 6. Assumption of liability by the charter school;
- 7. The term of the contract;
- 8. A description of the high standards of expectation and rigor for charter school plans and assurance that charter school plans adopted meet at least those standards;
- 9. Policies that require that the charter school be as equally free and open to all students as traditional public schools;



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- 10. Procedures that require students enrolled in the charter school to be selected by lottery to ensure fairness if more students apply than a school has the capacity to accommodate;
- 11. Policies that require the charter school to be subject to the same academic standards and expectations as existing public schools; and
- 12. A description of the requirements and procedures for the charter school to receive funding in accordance with statutory requirements and guidelines for existing public schools.

As such, enclosed for your review and consideration for approval is a draft contract (performance framework and pre-opening requirements included) for the Board's sponsorship of the Le Monde.

State Board of Education action is requested on these matters.